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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

The Nineteenth Special Session of the 95th General Assembly will please come to order. Madam Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Journal of January 2nd, 2008.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Mr. President, I move that the Journal just read by the Secretary be approved, unless some Senators has additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Hunter moves to approve the Journals just read by the Secretary. There being no objection, so ordered. Senator Cronin, for what purpose you seek recognition, sir?

SENATOR CRONIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your point, sir.

SENATOR CRONIN:

If I may have attention of the Body just briefly, and ask for a moment of silence. A colleague of ours, who served in this General Assembly with distinction for twenty-four years, my predecessor in the House, Gene Hoffman, passed away this -- this week. And I think a lot of us will remember Gene, who -- who'd been around back then and he lobbied for a period of time after he stepped down from the Legislature. He was a gregarious guy.

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He was a gentleman and he was an expert in education and I just wanted to make sure that everybody was aware of what happened and ask for a moment of silence.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Would ask all Members please be in their seats, and we'll take a moment of silence for our deceased colleague. (Moment of silence observed) Thank you. Senator Forby, for what purpose you seek recognition, sir?

SENATOR FORBY:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

State your point, sir.

SENATOR FORBY:

Today in the house, one of our Senators is having a birthday. Back down home we got an old saying, you know, he's older than dirt. You can get away with saying that to him since he's a farmer, you know. He looks like he's only thirty-three years old, but he's actually forty-nine years old today. Congratulations to John Sullivan.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Happy birthday, Senator John Sullivan. What a better place to spend your birthday than Springfield, Illinois, sir. Senator Forby. Senator Forby, and from all the Members of the General Assembly, our condolences on your recent loss, sir. Very sorry. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, under the practice of this Body since the 88th General Assembly, the rules adopted by the 95th General Assembly and its officers and committees are -- are in effect for the continuous period for the 95th General -- Session, including Special Session. There are three organizational resolutions that

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will be adopted today. These resolutions inform the House that the -- Senate is ready to conduct business, create a Senate Committee of five to wait upon the Governor, and create a Senate Committee of three people to approve the Journals for the Senate for all the days of Special Session. Madam Secretary, Resolutions, please.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Resolution 1, offered by Senator Clayborne.

(Secretary reads SR No. 1)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, Senator Clayborne moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediate -- immediately adopting Senate Resolution No. 1. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it and the rules are suspended. Now, Senator Clayborne moves the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 1. Those in favor, say Aye. Those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Madam Secretary, continuing on Resolutions, please.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Resolution No. 2, offered by Senator Clayborne.

(Secretary reads SR No. 2)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

...you, Madam Secretary. Ladies and Gentlemen, Senator Clayborne moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediately adopting Senate Resolution No. 2. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it and the rules are suspended. Now, Senator Clayborne now moves that -- the adoption of Senate Resolution 2. Those in favor, say Aye. Those opposed will say No. The Ayes have it, and the

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resolution is adopted. Madam Secretary, continuing on Resolutions, please.

SECRETARY SHIPLEY:

Senate Resolution 3, offered by Senator Clayborne.

(Secretary reads SR No. 3)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Madam Secretary. Ladies and Gentlemen, Senator Clayborne moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediately adopting Senate Resolution No. 3. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it and the rules are suspended. Now, Senator Clayborne now moves the adoption of Senate Resolution 3. Those in favor will say Aye. Those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Now, there being no further business to come before the Senate's -- Nineteenth Special Session of the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until Thursday, January 10th, the year 2008, at the hour of 11:19. The Special Session of the Senate stands adjourned.